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Fairfax Water Proposes Shortened Timetable to July 1 to Reduce Water Rates for City Customers

FAIRFAX, Va. — The City of Fairfax is pleased to announce the Fairfax Water Board of Directors is proposing to place City of Fairfax water customers on the same rate schedule as Fairfax Water legacy customers, effective with meter readings taken on or after July 1, 2015.

This means water rates would be “equalized” — so city customers pay the same rates as Fairfax Water legacy customers — much sooner than the original January 2017 deadline. By accelerating the equalization timetable, city customers would benefit from a 44 percent commodity rate reduction 18 months earlier than scheduled. Individual customer savings will vary based on usage.

Mayor Scott Silverthorne and the members of the 2012-14 City Council unanimously decided in 2013 to transition out of the water business and partner with Fairfax Water.

Silverthorne praised Fairfax Water for moving quickly to equalize rates, calling the decision a big win for city ratepayers.

A public hearing on the proposed rate change is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. May 21 at Fairfax Water’s Fred Morin Building, 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax. The proposed rates are scheduled for adoption on May 21 or soon thereafter.

Information is being mailed to all city water customers. Additionally, Fairfax Water will publish ads regarding the public hearing in the *Fairfax Times* in the immediate future. For information, call 703-698-5600 (TTY: 711) or e-mail PR@fairfaxwater.org.

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